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The present invention can also be modified without departing from the spirit of the invention to include embodiments of the cook top, in which the IR-permeable opaque observation-blocking undercoat is multi-layered and/or is provided with a backing layer comprising another paint. In addition the undercoat on the underside may be provided with openings or different colored regions to mark cooking zones or with at least one display window for colored LEDs or LCDs, for example for at least one residual heat signaling device.